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ECONOMIC INTELLIGENCE COMMITTEE
SUBCOMMITTEE ON ELECTRIC POWER AND SOLID FUELS

TO : Executive Secretary, EIC
FROM : Chairman, EIC Subcommittee on Electric Power and Solid Fuels
SUBJECT: EIC Subcommittee Annual Report, FY'56
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A. ACTIVITIES DURING FY'56

Research Deficiencies

During the early part of the year attention was given to the Survey of Priority Research Deficiencies for Electric Power in the Sino-Soviet Bloc. This Survey (EPSF-D-4) was completed by a Working Group and was approved by the Subcommittee at a formal meeting on 7 March '56. The acquisition of intelligence material to meet these deficiencies is to be continued through the channels presently used by the represented agencies doing substantive research in the field of electric power.

At the meeting of 7 March consideration was given to a similar survey on Solid Fuels. It was decided that Subcommittee action was not warranted since CIA is the only participating group presently doing detailed research on Solid Fuels in the Sino-Soviet Bloc.

Maintenance of Agreed Basic Statistics

With respect to "agreed statistics," it is the consensus of the Subcommittee that at present the only statistics warranting consideration are those for national annual production for both electric power and solid fuels. Such statistics are maintained by the participating agencies doing detailed research and they are coordinated at the working level when required.

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Special Coordination Functions

On request of the IAC Standing Committee on Exchanges, the Subcommittee provided information and recommendations on proposed US-USSR exchange delegations on Electric Power, and on Peat and Coal. In both cases, Working Groups of the Subcommittee prepared suggested USSR itineraries and provided technical consultation to the IAC Standing Committee on Exchanges.

Evaluation of the Role of the Subcommittee

The small number of staffs doing detailed substantive research - AFOIN, Office of Chief of Engineers (Army), and CIA for electric power, and CIA only for solid fuels - and the fact that there is continuing informal contact between the analysts of these staffs on matters of common interest reduce the need for frequent formal meetings of the Subcommittee. Only one formal meeting was held during the year. However, the Subcommittee provided a convenient and effective means for determining, on short notice, the opinion of the represented agencies. This was well illustrated in the matter of the exchange delegations.

B. FUTURE PROGRAM

No specific plans have been discussed by the Subcommittee as a whole concerning its future program, but it is intended to make such a discussion the principal order of business at a meeting to be held in the early fall.

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